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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL YEAR AND HOLIDAYS
1947-1948

PROVISIONS OF THE SCHOOL ACTS

The school year shall consist of two terms, the first of which shall begin on the first Tuesday of September following Labour Day and shall end on the 22nd day of December, and the second of which shall begin on the 3rd day of January and end on the 29th day of June.

When the 3rd day of January is a Friday, the schools shall not be opened until the following Monday, and when the 29th day of June or the 22nd day of December is a Monday, the schools shall be closed on the preceding Friday.

Every Saturday, every public holiday, the 24th day of May, the 11th day of November, the day appointed annually to be celebrated officially as the birthday of the reigning sovereign, the week following Easter Day, and every day proclaimed a holiday by the authorities of the municipality in which the teacher is engaged and every day upon which a school is closed under the provisions of *The Public Health Act* or the regulations of the Department, shall be a school holiday.

HOLIDAYS

2. The following are the holidays in the schools during the school year 1947-48:

(1) Thanksgiving Day.
(2) Remembrance Day — November 11th.
(3) December 20th - 31st (both days included) — part of Christmas vacation.
(4) The first four days of January — part of Christmas vacation.
(5) Easter holidays — March 26th - April 4th — both days included.
(6) Victoria Day — May 24th.
(7) The Anniversary of the King's Birthday.
(8) Summer vacation — June 30th - September 6th, both days included.

DATES OF OPENING AND CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

3. The following are the dates of the opening and closing of the High, Continuation, Public and Separate Schools:

Open	September 2nd	Close	December 19th
Reopen	January 5th	Close	March 25th
Reopen	April 5th	Close	June 29th

NUMBER OF TEACHING DAYS

4. In the High, Continuation, Public and Separate Schools, the number of teaching days is as follows:

September	21	January	20
October	23	February	20
November	19	March	19
December	15	April	20
	—	May	20
	78	June	21
			—
			120
			—
		Total	198

P.S.: As the exact dates of the Anniversary of the King's Birthday and Thanksgiving Day have not yet been proclaimed, the deduction has not been made from the above. The total number of teaching days for the academic year will be 196.

Number of teaching days for *calendar year* 1947 — 195; for *calendar year* 1948 — 194.

NOTE:—Please place this form in your Register.

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For June, 1948

ONTARIO

NOTICE TO PRINCIPALS

In order to obtain uniformity in the system of attendance recording during the period of the Departmental Examinations in June and to enable Boards to earn their full attendance grant, teachers are asked to comply with the following instructions.

Elementary Schools

In all schools and class rooms not in use for the writing of the High School Entrance examinations, the teaching sessions and the recording of attendance shall continue till June 29th, 1948, as required by the Statutes.

In all schools and class rooms in actual use for the writing of the High School Entrance examinations, attendance shall be recorded for all classes to the end of June 29th, 1948. This includes the Entrance class itself.

Pupils who have been granted Entrance Certificates on the recommendation of the Principal may be permitted to retire from school one week before the beginning of the Entrance Examinations. Attendance shall be credited to them to the end of the month.

Secondary Schools

(1) All Secondary schools with no candidates for the Upper School examinations will continue in session till the statutory date of closing, viz., June 29th, 1948.

(2) Principals of Secondary schools having candidates for the Upper School examinations will carry on the sessions of the lower grades as the exigencies of accommodation and teaching adjustments demand. In such cases, attendance shall be recorded to June 29th, 1948. Credit may also be given for the attendance of those pupils writing on the Upper School examinations.

(3) In all Secondary schools where grades may have been dismissed to accommodate the High School Entrance examinations, credit for attendance of those grades may be given until June 29th, 1948.

(4) If for any lawful reason the school year varies for different rooms in a school, the average number of teaching days for the entire school shall be derived as in the following example,—

In the case of a ten-roomed school with four rooms in session for 196 days and six rooms for 186 days, the calculation would be,—

4	rooms	for	196	days	= 1 room	for	784 days
6	"	"	186	"	= 1 "	"	1116 "
10	"	"	190	"	= 1 "	"	1900 "

Average number of days, 190.

TORONTO, JUNE 1ST, 1947.

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